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One judge favoured death

Sabena hijackers get life terms

By YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter



Therese Halasch grimaces as sentence is read out in court.

IRIFIN. — Rima Tannous and Therese Halasch were yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment or their part in the Sabena air-line hijacking on May 8.

156 die in plane crash over East Germany

BERLIN (AP). — An East German Interflug charter flight crashed shortly after takeoff from East Berlin's Schoenefeld Airfield yesterday, killing all 156 persons aboard, the official East German news agency A.D.N. reported last night.

Kremlin hawks said eclipsed

LONDON (UPI). — The Kremlin's moderates seem to have won out in a fight with the hard-liners who wanted a deeper involvement in the Middle East to the point of a limited confrontation with Israel, and the result is a more cautious Middle East policy, according to reports reaching here from diplomatic sources in Moscow.

WHITE HOUSE HINTS U.S.-Soviet accord on Russian Jews

By SAM LIPSKY Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The White House yesterday left open the possibility that some form of understanding was reached at the Moscow Summit last May between President Nixon and the Soviet leaders that 35,000 Russian Jews would be able to emigrate annually to Israel.

summit but he confined himself to repeating U.S. support for the Declaration of Human Rights and in particular the right of all people to free migration.

Rogers raps McGovern on Mideast troop cuts

MIAMI BEACH (INA). — A "drastic reduction" in U.S. military strength in the Mediterranean would end the "close relationship" of the U.S. with Israel as well as with Turkey and Greece, Secretary of State William F. Rogers told the Republican Party's Platform Committee here yesterday.

Rogers says 'yes, yes' on summit

MIAMI BEACH (JTA). — Secretary of State William F. Rogers responded "yes, yes" when asked here yesterday whether the Soviet Jewry issue was discussed at the summit conference in Moscow in May between President Nixon and Communist Party Secretary-General Leonid Brezhnev.

Pentagon has no comment on P.O.W. report

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Pentagon yesterday disputed former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark's claim that treatment of U.S. prisoners of war in North Vietnam was humane, but refused to comment on Clark's statement that he had obtained written assurances from Hanoi on P.O.W. release.

'Israel tarred area inside Lebanon'—U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The United Nations reported yesterday that Israeli workmen protected by troops have asphalted an area about 60 metres inside Lebanese territory.

Amin, Rippon to meet today on Asian issue

KAMPALA (Reuter). — President Idi Amin of Uganda and British special envoy Geoffrey Rippon last night arranged a meeting here for today on the Ugandan leader's plans to expel thousands of Asians.

Special Knesset sessions today

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter The Knesset will convene for two separate special sessions today — one called by the Government to postpone the elections to the Chief Rabbinate for another six weeks, and the other called for by 31 opposition Members of the House to discuss labour relations in the country.

Bonn and Algeria seen strengthening relations

By BRIAN ARTHUR Jerusalem Post Correspondent BONN. — West Germany and Algeria are heading full steam into a new phase of intensified political-economic relations, an Arab affairs spokesman for the ruling Bonn coalition indicated yesterday.

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SADEK VISITS CANAL CAIRO (UPI). — War Minister Gen. Mohammed Ahmed Sadek visited the Suez Canal frontlines yesterday and Sunday, the semi-official Middle East News Agency said last night.

CHINESE MISSION TO YEMEN SANAA (Reuter). — Chinese missions are expected shortly here in the capital of the Yemen Arab Republic to discuss \$22 million loan to be spent on building roads and reclaiming land, it was announced yesterday.

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'Will carry cross to Europe, America' Raya to re-enact Christ Passion as protest over Bir'im, Ikrit

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Greek Catholic Archbishop Joseph Raya plans to "re-enact the Passion of Christ," along the Via Dolorosa, in the Old City of Jerusalem, next Wednesday.
He told a press conference at the Beit Sokolov press club here yesterday that this was only the start of his campaign to pressure the Government to change its decision on Bir'im and Ikrit — whose former residents, evacuated in 1948, want to return. Immediately after concluding his procession, bearing a cross along the Via Dolorosa, he will lead a mass demonstration from Jaffa Gate to the Prime Minister's Office, he said.
"I am not to blame if TV cameras come there," he said.



Archbishop Raya addressing the press in Tel Aviv yesterday. (I.P.P.A.)

U.S. NATIONAL
The Archbishop, who is a U.S. national, issued an ultimatum to the Government that unless he gets "a personal present from the Government for the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel" — in the form of a written commitment allowing the villagers of Bir'im and Ikrit to return — he will take his campaign against the Government overseas.
"I will carry my cross, now being built by the villagers of Bir'im and Ikrit, throughout all the countries of Europe and America," he threatened.
Asked whether this would not amount to a reverse crusade and might not arouse anti-Jewish feeling, the prelate threw up his hands, declaring: "I do fear that this might arouse hatred for the Jews, but I want my rights... I could have done many things, but I won't."
The Archbishop, who was accompanied by members of his community, was ushered into the room by Ha'Olam Hazeh chairman Uri Avneri, M.K. Also present was Alex Massis, the Ha'Olam Hazeh member on the Histadrut Executive, who is chief organizer of the Archbishop's committee for Bir'im and Ikrit.
Mr. Avneri noted "I am not here in a political capacity, but only to translate" (from English to Hebrew, and vice versa).
The Archbishop himself opened by saying: "My purpose is not political, it is not even religious. Our cause is human, it is the right of people to live in their own country in security and peace."
The Archbishop emphasized his loyalty to the State of Israel and its laws. At the same time he con-

stantly compared the Government's decision not to allow the Galilee villagers to return to the actions of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel in disposing Naboth of his vineyard.
The only time the Archbishop lost his composure was at the mention of his predecessor, Archbishop Hakim, now Pontiff Maximus V of Antioch. When it was pointed out to him that he had omitted all mention of the Government compensation to the villagers (especially of Ikrit) in the form of land and money, and that Archbishop Hakim had sold the church land to the Government, his voice became shrill. The prelate became angrier still when asked the reasons for the sudden change in church policy after 24 years.

ATTACK ON HAKIM
In a clear attack on former Archbishop Hakim, the incumbent head of the Greek Catholic community said: "It is not a question of the policy of the church, but of a man. He even went as far as to charge that 'Hakim accepted personally the compensation for church land,' adding 'But now I am spokesman for the people...'"
When asked how he would react if Hakim sought to join in his protest (when he visits Israel for Christmas), he cried: "No, I won't let him get into my protest; it is my protest and not his." Asked whether there was now a rift in the church, the Archbishop replied, "There are differences of opinion." He took pains to stress that neither Maximus V nor the Pope could intervene in his diocese: "I am completely independent."
When he was reminded again that large sums of money had been awarded the villagers in compensation, Archbishop Raya said, the villagers were ready to give the money back. "I invite Jewish millionaires in Israel to help me repay Mr. (Reuven) Aloni (assistant head of the State Lands Authority)," he said.

U.S. immigrant kills himself on Mt. of Olives

A 40-year-old engineer who recently immigrated from the U.S. apparently shot himself to death in his pick-up truck yesterday morning outside the Intercontinental Hotel, on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Police last night withheld publication of the man's name.
Passers-by noticed an inscription, in English, on the side of the vehicle that read: "Notify the police and television." Inside the cab they found the body of a man with a bullet wound in his head and a hunting rifle by his side.
Next to the driver's seat was a Bible, opened at the Book of Job, and a letter stating that he was "devoting" his life to God. (I.P.M.)



Workers of Steel City in Acre gleefully barricade the gates to the mill yesterday as they declared a strike. (I.P.M.)

Pedestrian, 73, killed by bus

RAMLIE — A 73-year-old pedestrian was killed on Sunday when a bus hit him on the main Ramle-Nabehon road, near Petahia.
The man, Yosef Shalki of Ramle, was rushed to hospital but died en route. The bus driver, a Jerusalem man, was detained by police for interrogation. (I.P.M.)

'L' Plan area getting first telephones

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The first telephones are now being installed in the "L" plan area north of the Yarkon River — over a year after the first residents moved into the problematic development.
The Communications Ministry announced yesterday that the first telephones in the area began this week. Residents have complained during the past year that they had no way of alerting an ambulance, police or firemen in case of an emergency.
A Ministry official said the reason for the delay was the failure (he did not say whose) to set up the area's complicated infrastructure before the residents moved in. This entailed connecting the "L" Plan area to neighbouring Ramat Aviv with an underground cable running beneath the busy Haifa Road.

'NO MORE' POWER CUTS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Repair of the faulty boiler at the Reading D power station was completed last night, and electricity supplies went back to normal, the Electric Corporation spokesman announced last night.
The unit was immobilized last Thursday evening by a fault in a welded seam of the boiler. Power cuts were necessary for four days because of the resulting shortage of generating capacity.

Kiryat Wolfson high-rises: Security threat as well as aesthetic problem

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Knesset sources confirmed last night that the two high-rise apartment blocks being erected at Kiryat Wolfson in the Capital pose a potential security threat. A top Knesset official, however, refused to comment on reports that the problem had been discussed recently by the Executive President.
The two buildings — one of 14 storeys and the other 16 storeys high — have a commanding view of the Knesset, and security circles fear that windows and balconies on the upper floors could potentially be used as platforms for snipers. The floor-to-ceiling windows of both the Members' dining room and the Knesset Speaker's Bureau are an estimated 800 metres from the two gigantic structures, perched atop a overlooking the Valley of the Cross, and within easy range of a high-powered rifle.
It is understood that the problem has been discussed by the Knesset Presidium in the past, but it will not be brought up at today's meeting as stated in an afternoon paper yesterday.

granted licences for the construction of six more blocks in the same area. Apartments in these have already been placed on sale; should the Municipality withdraw the licences, compensatory payments would total several million pounds. All in all nine buildings are scheduled for the area, four of which are to be constructed by the Israel Land Development Co.
It is highly doubtful whether the Knesset Presidium will ask the Jerusalem Municipality to withdraw the licences which have already been granted, since the general opinion is that "the damage has already been done." Instead, it is understood, the Presidium will consult with the security services on how to combat the sniper problem as effectively as possible.
The Jerusalem Post was assured last night that "there are ways and means" of ensuring the safety of the House's 120 Members, Cabinet Ministers and other foreign guests who could prove potential targets for political assassination.
When asked for his opinion on the subject last night, on Knesset official noted that in Washington a law has been passed forbidding the erection of any structure above the level of the Washington Monument. The apartments at Kiryat Wolfson pose "aesthetic, architectural and security problems," he said.
The question arises whether it is not too late to reverse them. The two buildings in question are near completion, and the Municipality has

HAIFA BOYS BICYCLING TO OPHRA

KIBBUTZ DAN — A group of 10 Haifa schoolboys are due to leave here this morning for a rather long bike ride of 800 kilometres, from Dan to Ophra (Sharon Heights).
The cyclists are cadets living at the military dormitory associated with Haifa's Reali high school. This is the second year cadets at the school have organized such a trip. The route, which they expect to complete in eight days, will keep close to the bed of the Great Rift Valley, which splits the earth's crust from Syria to Central Africa, and will take the riders past Beisan and down the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea shore, the Arava, and the Gulf of Akaba to their destination at the tip of the Sinai peninsula.
The riders will be accompanied by a doctor, a medical orderly, a communications car and assorted well-wishers. (I.P.M.)

Motorcyclists get 2-month reprieve

Israel's motorcyclists and scooterists will continue to be able to ride bareheaded during July and August, except on inter-urban roads. The Transport Ministry announced yesterday.
The spokesman said Transport Minister Shimon Peres had changed the order making helmet wearing mandatory at all times — which goes into effect on November 1 — to help the riders keep cool during the hottest part of the summer.
It was also reported that Mr. Peres and Ministry experts yesterday went over samples of all the safety headgear available in the country to check for quality and comfort. The Minister ordered his staff to make sure a sufficient supply was on hand before the November 1 helmet deadline. (I.P.M.)

Begin repeats 'class war' charge against Ben-Aharon

TEL AVIV — Herut Party leader Menahem Begin last night repeated his charge that Eliazar Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon was inciting to "class warfare" and "social revolution." This was why Gahal had initiated the Knesset debate scheduled for today — to get it put on record that there was no room for such phenomena in Israel, Mr. Begin declared.
Interviewed on the "Moked" TV programme, Mr. Begin said Mr. Ben-Aharon's ideas posed a threat to the development of Israel's economy. The Herut leader said he rejected the concept of class warfare, though he recognized the need to combat poverty and violence and look after the needs of youth and education. Adding that he did not hold Mr. Ben-Aharon responsible for the current wave of strikes ("there were strikes before his time as well"), Mr. Begin said the Histadrut chief had the power to hold back the economy and discourage investment. Mr. Ben-Aharon's talk of "class warfare" and "social revolution" was reminiscent of Lenin's words, Mr.

Begin said.
On the dispute with his Liberal partners in Gahal over the electoral law, Mr. Begin said his party was united in its opposition to changing the electoral law. The Labour Party would gain an additional 22 Knesset seats under the regional election system. "Gahal cannot afford to present them this gift on a platter, even if we gain six seats ourselves," he stated.
Mr. Begin expressed the hope that the conflict within Gahal would not prove fatal. The subject will be discussed again when the current Gahal chairman, Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, convenes the proper forum for it, he added. Mr. Begin admitted that while there were those in his party (such as Dr. Yohanan Rader) who advocated the two parties' appearing separately in the elections, the majority of Herut was against "bargaining" with Gahal.
A FASHION SHOW to help raise money for the "Moked" TV programme will be held yesterday at Tel Aviv Home of Mrs. Leah...

Liberal Party debates Bir'im, future of Herut-Liberal bloc

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Let's keep Gahal intact, but not at any price, seemed to be the theme of yesterday's debate at the Liberal Party Central Committee on the Liberal's relations with Herut in the Gahal electoral bloc.
The session was the Liberal rejoinder to the recent Herut debate on Gahal's future, and it will be completed next week.
The Liberal Party leadership had come under fire for allowing Herut to impose its own policies on Gahal, particularly on the Bir'im-Ikrit issue. (The Gahal Executive's last week adopted the Herut stand urging the Cabinet to reconsider its decision on Bir'im, but did not make the same appeal for Ikrit, where the local people were reported to have been hostile to the Jews in the War of Independence.)
Ex-Safed Mayor Meir Meibor attacked his party's leadership for "allowing Herut to lead us by the nose against the Government. I am a Galilee man, and I know too well the hostile role the Maronites played in our War of Independence. (Bir'im was predominantly Maronite.) Now all of a sudden, out of election considerations, Herut forget the Maronites' share in the mass slaughter of the convoy sent to relieve Yehiam; and there were other cases as well."

Mr. Meibor found it reprehensible that Haim Landau and other Herut leaders should join forces with "anti-Zionist Leftists" in supporting the Maronites.
"All of a sudden Archbishop Raya is the spiritual grandson of the Rabbi of Berdichev and the Ba'al Shem Tov," Mr. Meibor exclaimed, demanding, "Why have the disciples of Jabotinsky suddenly switched their line? Up to now they've said no liberated territory was to be returned. Do they now distinguish between territory liberated in the War of Independence and land freed in the Six Day War, just because it is now settled by Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim?"
SECURITY ASPECTS
Internal opposition spokesman Yitzhak Modai also roundly criticized the Gahal Executive stand on Bir'im and Ikrit, charging it was another instance of submission to Herut dictation. His main objection was that the Gahal Executive had not gone thoroughly into the security aspects of the case. "By this step, Gahal has given a filip to further erosion of the Zionist cause, and set in motion a mechanism that will not only question the Bir'im-Ikrit issue but also our presence in Jaffa," Mr. Modai felt that "up-

holding the honour of Zionism was of greater importance than caring for Gahal's prestige."
Countering earlier Herut criticism of the Liberal's vote for Labour's electoral reform, Liberal Party chairman Elimelech Rimalt and Central Committee chairman Arye Dulzin explained that this vote was anchored in the original Gahal electoral agreement signed in 1965. Mr. Dulzin put the blame for the crisis in Gahal on Herut, while Dr. Rimalt regretted that Herut had "over-dramatized" the differences of opinion in Gahal. He said he believed a change in the electoral system could actually lead to an alternative Government.
Dr. Rimalt hoped that a joint forum would soon be convened to clear the air in Gahal.
SECONDARY ISSUE
Mr. Zalman Suzaryef, the industrialist leader and architect of the original Gahal agreement, regretted that the party leadership had allowed a secondary issue like electoral reform to threaten the existence of Gahal. He also criticized some leaders for being too quick to talk about an impending break-up of the Liberal-Gahal alliance, suggesting that their readiness to hit back at Herut was based on a false sense of being junior partners in Gahal.
Mr. Suzaryef wanted to alter a clause in the draft resolution tabled by the Party Executive, concerning cleaving to the original intention of the Gahal agreement (i.e. heretofore endorsed the Executive's line in its talks with Herut). Dr. Rimalt responded: "We will not cut ourselves off from the original agreement, which accorded us a free vote on electoral reform." Dr. Rimalt said the Liberal Party wished to be an alternative, not (in apparent reference to the Independent Liberal Party) "a political call-girl waiting for a ring from the Alignment." (See Begin, this page.)

Ja'abari appeals to Egypt to reconsider Arab policy

AMMAN (Reuters) — Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, Mayor of Hebron, yesterday appealed to President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to reconsider his country's Arab policy. Sheikh Ja'abari, in an interview with the Jordanian weekly newspaper "Al-Sabah," said Egypt had been a unifying force of Arabs and the leader of their march through the ages. It should not become a party to conflicts aimed at separation and disintegration, he added.
"It is inevitable for the Egyptian leader to re-establish the leadership of Egypt by reuniting relations with all in order to obtain the support of all, thus giving himself and Egypt the legitimacy of decision and evaluation," he said.
(Egypt severed diplomatic relations with Jordan last April in protest against King Hussein's plan to form a United Arab Kingdom comprising the East and West Banks of Jordan.)
"Al-Sabah" said Sheikh Ja'abari criticized Arab reaction to King Hussein's plan and asked "What makes the Arab nation fight and disagree for the sake of naming the West Bank of Jordan the Palestinian kingdom or the Palestinian republic, as long as it is under the Israeli flag?"
"In the West Bank we have the right to determine our future, but at the moment we consider ourselves an occupied territory," Sheikh Ja'abari denied he was now working to establish a Palestinian state.

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Soviet scientist's phone cut off

MOSCOW (AP) — Benjamin Leitch, the prominent Soviet scientist who wants to emigrate to Israel, has had his Moscow telephone cut off, and one of his sons has been told he must report to the army, sources said yesterday.
The actions followed a report that a group of British scientists is sponsoring an appeal on behalf of Leitch, an expert on electrochemistry and the highest-ranking Soviet scientist known to have tried to emigrate.
Yevgeny, his 24-year-old son, was called in by a military board yesterday, told he would have to serve two years in the military and advised to await orders.
Yevgeny, a physicist, and another son, an engineer, also have applied to emigrate.

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HAIFA. — A gramme of hamburger meat which contained 160 times the legal limit of bacteria — plus 12 citations for producing food unfit for human consumption — brought Haifa's Mason Mahir hamburger and kebab plant a IL3,000 fine here yesterday.
Health inspectors told the court that in a check last September of the Kiryat Eliezer plant, they found 800 million bacteria in a one-gramme chopped meat sample. The legal maximum is five million. The firm was also found guilty of selling underweight packages of kebab, of marking the packages with false dates of manufacture, and of allowing harmful bodies to get into its sausages. (I.P.M.)

150 BUKHARAN YOUNGSTERS
newly arrived from the Soviet Union have gone to study at the Habad says it has absorbed many more Yeshiva in Rishon Lezion. Habad Bukharans in its schools throughout Israel.

Dayan to re-examine closed Samaria areas

By ANAN SAFADI
 Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
 NIN. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that he would examine the possibility of reducing training areas between the Jordan River and the populated areas of Samaria, in view of the improvement in the security situation there. During a visit to the municipalities of Jenin and nearby areas, Mr. Dayan said that, in the meantime, pasturing hours in closed areas have been extended. The Defence Minister nevertheless stated that villagers in the region will not be permitted to cultivate

their lands situated in areas closed for security reasons. A request to this effect was made by Toubas Mayor Hashem Saleh.
 Mr. Dayan said that any future alteration in present policy on the readiness of local residents to take action themselves against the infiltration of saboteurs and maintain tranquility in the region. The Defence Minister said local inhabitants have done nothing so far to help prevent infiltration, noting that the security forces were duty bound to see to this.
 In separate meetings with the City Councils in Jenin and Toubas Mr. Dayan dealt with requests for Government aid in development projects, while stating his belief that the Councils should raise taxes and make sure they're collected to finance the needs of the two towns. He noted that most of the local inhabitants currently earn higher incomes by working in Israel.
 In reply to a question on whether the City Councils could obtain loans from banks in Jordan, Mr. Dayan said that all such applications would need an Israel Government decision. He recalled, however, that the Government had approved a request of this nature submitted by the Nablus Municipality.
 Mr. Dayan was careful to draw a distinction between loans and direct aid from Jordan, which, he said would not be tolerated.

Terrorists freed after turning themselves in

Two wanted terrorists, members of the Rashayda Beduin tribe in Bethlehem area, surrendered to security forces yesterday but were later released, the army spokesman announced yesterday.
 The two admitted belonging to the Dead Sea region and said they had smuggled weapons from the Dead Sea region to Bethlehem in 1969. They were released in the custody of their families after investigations proved that they had not taken any part in sabotage activity, the spokesman said.

15 athletes to represent Israel at Olympic games

By PAUL KOHN
 Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
 L. AVIV. — Fifteen athletes in ten sports will represent Israel in the 20th Olympic Games in Munich, from August 26 to September 10. The whole Israel contingent numbers 23.
 Mr. Yoseph Inbar, chairman of the Olympic Committee and head of the Israel contingent to the games, announced the final composition of the team at a press conference yesterday. Missing from the contingent are the two swimmers, Raham Melamed and Dorit Saltzner, who bettered the "Olympic minimums" set by the Israel Sports Federation four hours after the official deadline.
 "The swimmers who reportedly started the minimums did so at official and unrecognized trials, the Olympic Committee unanimously rejected them for the Olympic team," Mr. Inbar said. Their appeal to Education Minister Yigal Alon was rejected yesterday.



The Israel flag shown flying at Munich's Olympic Village, after being raised by West German navy ratings on Sunday. Flag in foreground is that of the Bahama. (AP radiophoto)

The team comprises hurdler Shulamit Nir and long-distance walker Dr. Shaul Ladanyi; runner Shalom Nir; marksmen Yoram Hershkovitz and Zelig Stroh; fencers Elisher Haldin, Gad Zabarai, Mark Slavov; weightlifters Yoram Friedman, Yoseph Romano and David Berger; fencers Dan and Yehuda Weinstein; and chessmen Yitzhak Nir and Yair Sheel.
 The coaches are Amitzur Shapira, chief and field; Andre Spitzer, chief; Kehat Short, shooting; via Sokolovsky, weightlifting; She Weinberg, wrestling; and Eli Ledlander, yachting. As there is only one swimmer in the contingent was decided not to include a swimming coach.

SEVEN OFFICIALS
 Officials of the Olympic Committee and the Sports Federation who lead the team and participate in various congresses held at the beginning of the games will be Mr. Haim Glovinitsky, Zvi Finkel, Yitzhak Fuchs, Yitzhak Caspi, Daniel Lalkin and Dr. Kurt Weigl (an American physician).
 The Israel contingent leaves for Munich on August 21.
 The Israel Olympic Committee declined an invitation of the city of Munich for the Israel team to spend a week in that city for pre-olympic training with some of the German coaches. The Committee decided it would be best for the athletes to arrive in Munich as near possible to the start of the games.

In addition to the official team, a 25-member delegation will join youth events, in which 80 countries will participate, Mr. Haim Glovinitsky, secretary of the Olympic Committee, announced. He added that it was "extremely important" for Israel representatives to participate in the various international congresses, as anti-Israel politics sometimes emerged at these meetings. (See "Our Athletes," Page 18)

HATZOR LOCAL COUNCIL chairman Danino (N.R.P.), resigned his post yesterday in protest against what he called the Government's "fallure and indifference" in helping the town. Fellow N.R.P. Councilman Yitzhak Zarhan was chosen to replace him.



Police Minister Shlomo Hillel (in civilian dress) and Inspector-General Aharon Sela review newly graduated Gaza policemen — now indistinguishable from Israeli policemen — at the Yarmuk Stadium yesterday.

HILLEL IN GAZA STRIP: Refugees can't be used as pawns to blackmail Israel

By HERBERT BEN-ADI
 Jerusalem Post Reporter
 GAZA. — Terrorism in the Gaza Strip is a thing of the past, and will not be allowed to recur, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said at the passing-out parade of 43 local policemen on completion of a four-month course here.
 Noting that the main victims of the terrorism had been local inhabitants, Mr. Hillel pointed out that now, for the first time, the Gaza refugees have the opportunity to earn a decent living and build their own homes. "The time is past when the refugees can be used as political pawns to blackmail Israel," the Minister said.

The three outstanding students of the course were awarded certificates by Police Inspector-General Aharon Sela. After the parade, Mr. Sela and the Commander of the Southern Police District, Tat-Nitzav Aharon Chelouch, changed the badges of six local police officers for the standard Israel Police insignia.
 In reference to the changing of Gaza police insignia, Mr. Hillel told newsmen later that the change was purely administrative, with no political overtones. The same changes will be instituted for police on the West Bank from September 1, he said.

Hundreds of Gaza Strip notables were present for the parade, as were Beersheba Mayor Elyahu Navi and Deputy Mayor Ze'ev Zariel. Pakad Yusef Mu'ammur of Gaza gave the drill orders in Hebrew. The Israel Police Band played marches.
 Before the parade, Minister Hillel visited Gaza port, where two ships were offloading cement. The harbour unloads 1,600 tons of cement daily.

Speaking of the shortage of police manpower which caused the transfer of Border Police units from Gaza to Tel Aviv earlier this month, the Minister said it was not for lack of funds that the situation arose, but rather for lack of suitable candidates. Only 18 per cent of applicants are found acceptable for police work. The Police Ministry is therefore trying to prevent resignations through improved salaries and provision of housing for young married policemen. Policemen who want to marry will be provided with loans up to IL10,000, which will be written off if they remain in the force more than 10 years, he said.
 In reply to a reporter's question, Mr. Hillel disclosed that two senior Prison Service officers had been appointed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the escape last Friday of a convicted terrorist from the Negev Central Prison. Their conclusions are to be made public; should negligence be proved, those responsible will be punished, he added.

Two suspended for cheating on Technion exams

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 HAIFA. — The Technion's Disciplinary Court has suspended two students for a year after finding them guilty of cheating on final examinations. The Post learned yesterday. This is the most serious punishment, short of expulsion, the court can hand down.
 One of the two was also found guilty of forging a document by affixing a faculty stamp to it, to enable his wife to join him on a cheap-fare student trip abroad. The other broke into a lecturer's room and exchanged the answers on his examination paper, after he found out part of his original answers were wrong.
 A third student was ordered to do all his examinations again, but he announced that he would appeal — because he had cheated in only one subject.
 The Disciplinary Court is comprised of two members of the Technion Senate and one representative of the student body.

Life term for Gaza terrorist

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 GAZA. — A member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Yusef Mustapha Haseem Shidawi, 23, of Jebalya, was sentenced to life imprisonment by a military court here yesterday.
 He was captured on February 2, 1971, in a clash with an army patrol in Jebalya, in the course of which he was shot in the leg. At the time he was found to be carrying a loaded pistol with two magazines, three handgrenades and a quantity of explosives.
 Shidawi had served a 10-month sentence for membership in the Fatah in 1968. He claimed that on his release he was forced to join the P.F.L.P., under threat of death.
 On November 3, 1970, Shidawi and several others abducted a 30-year-old Jebalya woman, Musra Srur, from her home, took her to another building, raped her repeatedly and shot her to death. On December 6, 1970, Shidawi and two others — all masked and armed — stopped a police jeep in Jebalya, pulled out the local sergeant and a constable, ripped off the sergeant's insignia, beat him up, took his briefcase, burned the jeep, and told them that if they ever showed their faces in Jebalya again they would be killed.
 Prosecutor Segen Aharon Levy demanded life imprisonment for Shidawi. In agreeing with the prosecutor and passing sentence, the president of the court, Seren Yoram Galin, termed Shidawi "one of the most notorious of the Gaza Strip terrorists, a man who behaved like a wild animal towards his own people." The accused, who was defended by Mr. Ahmad Abu-Warda, pleaded guilty.

V.I.P. wives arrested Work resumed on Geha Road despite protesters

RAMAT HASHARON. — Construction work on the northern extension of Geha Road was resumed yesterday morning after police broke up a "sit-down" demonstration of local residents, mainly women and children.
 Police detained and later released several persons, including Mrs. Shoshana Horev, wife of Aluf Amos Horev, and Mrs. Meir Shapiro, sister of Dr. Yehoshafat Harkabi, the former chief of Army Intelligence (Many of the protesters are from the Neve Magen quarter, residence of many regular army officers.)
 The residents, who on Sunday effectively prevented the work from continuing by holding a picnic on the site, claim the new road will disturb the peace and tranquility of their neighborhoods. At that time, Pakad Nahum Ironi of the Herzliya Police tried to persuade the demonstrators to go home quietly. According to a "Ma'ariv" reporter on the scene, the police officer was told by one of the residents, Mrs. Tamara Bar-Lev (wife of the Minister of Commerce and Industry), "It is our right as local residents to wage a public struggle when our health and

tranquillity are at stake."
 The residents continued their protest yesterday morning after an earlier attempt to obtain a court injunction had failed. The judge said he would not issue the injunction without first hearing the other side to the dispute — the Labour Ministry. Meanwhile, an appeal by the Local Council has been filed with the District Planning Commission. The appeal claims the work is in violation of the local outline plan for the area.
 Since the Commission has not yet approved the road project, Local Council Chairman Pessah Belkin on Sunday ordered the Public Works Department to stop work. But the P.W.D. ignored the order, claiming that a local authority had no right to interfere with the work on an inter-urban road.
 It was learned yesterday afternoon that the local authorities would next attempt to obtain an order nisi from the High Court of Justice. Some of the women demonstrators, who have been in the vanguard of the campaign, said they would hold demonstrations outside the Prime Minister's Office and the Knesset. (Ilim)

Full-size buses take over on Old City route

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 The tiny Fiat buses that for the past three years have plied the No. 1 bus route in Jerusalem have made their last run to the Western Wall.
 They have been replaced by regular-sized Leyland vehicles which try to look as much as possible like minibuses as they squeeze beneath the arch in the Armenian Quarter of the Old City.
 The five Fiats were defeated by the same slopes that proved so formidable to besiegers over the millennia. An Egged spokesman said yesterday that their engines simply couldn't stand the strain.
 Their five replacements are standard Egged buses which have been modified in the company's Jerusalem workshop (at a cost of IL25,000 each) in order to get past the Armenian arch — the tightest part of the No. 1 run. The roofs of the buses have been lowered several centimeters — the spokesman didn't know how many — and the regular tires replaced by small ones in order to permit the bus to lower its profile still more. Similarly, the technicians removed the mirrors from the exterior and put them inside the bus to narrow its girth. The interiors have also been changed to provide more standing room on the short-but-crowded run.

Cheap theatre tickets for J'lem's poor

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 Subsidized theatre tickets will be distributed at reduced rates in the poorer neighborhoods of Jerusalem, in order to encourage the development of a broader theatre public.
 The IL100,000 programme is sponsored by the Peretz Naphtali Fund, the Jerusalem Foundation, the Art to the People organization and the Jerusalem Municipality. Tickets for performances in the neighborhoods will cost IL2 and tickets to regular theatre performances will cost IL3 to IL4. The tickets will be distributed through community centres and neighbourhood committees.
 A Defence Ministry official pointed out to "Ilim" that this practice is a violation of the Emergency Regulations. Both workers and employers are punishable by law, he said.
 Meanwhile, the Moshav Movement has urged all its settlements to do without these resident workers. It is understood that many moshavim — suffering from a chronic shortage of hands on their farms — are vigorously protesting the edict.

Sodomy suspect in Shulman case remanded again

TEL AVIV. — Mordechai Mizrahi, arrested for allegedly trying to drug the male victim in the "Shulman-Will-Pay" rape-sodomy case, was yesterday remanded for an additional 15 days after Magistrate Boris Rapoport rejected his bid to be released on bail.
 The victim, an Australian tourist who is said to have been sexually assaulted by four men in the apartment of Mordechai ("Shulman-Will-Pay") Shulman last month, had reported to police that Mizrahi and another man later gave him a lift in their car and forced him to swallow a pill along with some cognac. The alleged purpose was to prevent the victim from testifying in the case, in which Shulman himself is charged with raping the tourist's girlfriend while the attack was going on.
 Rejecting Mizrahi's bail plea, Judge Rapoport said, "In a case as shocking as this, the police must be allowed to conduct their investigation without interference. And there is reason to believe the suspect would hinder the course of the inquiry if he were let out."

Farkas turns himself in; wanted for growing hash

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 TIBERIAS. — Nahman Farkas, wanted for growing Indian hemp (from which hashish is made), came out of hiding and gave himself up to the police yesterday evening. He had been roaming about Galilee for a week or so, aware that the police were looking for him ever since they found a fairly large plot planted with *cannabis indica* (hemp) near the cave in which Farkas has been living as a near-recluse for some time.
 Yesterday evening he presented himself at the police station here, together with some residents of Amirim, the nature-food village in Galilee which had expressed willingness to accept Farkas and to try to convert him into a law-abiding citizen. (He has a long police record.) They asked the police to speed up the court case against him and asked for clemency in view of the fact that he would be admitted to Amirim after his release, and that the woman with whom he is known to be living is in the ninth month of pregnancy.
 Farkas will be brought before a magistrate and the date of his trial will be fixed.
 Farkas was sentenced to a nine-year jail term for robbing in 1961. He made several escapes, the most famous of which was to Egypt, where he spent 18 months. He was freed in December, 1968, two years after he had been married in a prison wedding. In early 1969 he deserted his wife and her three daughters by a previous marriage. He was eventually found living in a tent near the Country Club on the Coastal Road near Herzliya.



Security units crack down on sleep-in Arab farm hands

ASHKELON. — Security and police forces have reportedly started this week to evict Arab farm hands from the administered areas who are illegally living in moshavim in the south, it was learned here yesterday.
 The commander of the Gaza Strip Police, Sgan-Nitzav Yitzhak Yahav, told the press yesterday that police and army units were to start last night to return to Gaza all Arab workers who are staying with their families on moshavim. They will not be brought to court unless they have no permits, he said.
 According to a survey made by the Labour Ministry, some 4,000 such workers are living in moshavim, quartered in old barns, chicken houses, huts and tents. In some cases entire families have joined their breadwinners in these makeshift homes.
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OFFICIAL SOVIET VIEW Any new Egypt attack 'doomed to failure'

LONDON (INA). — Russia tried to restrain Egyptian President Sadat from further military action against Israel because the Soviets believed that it would be doomed to failure. Sadat's reaction was to expel the Soviet advisers and military units.

This is the first official Soviet view of the exodus from Egypt, published this week in a Polish newspaper, "Slowa Powszechno." The newspaper is the organ of the Polish Catholic group, Pax, and is known to be controlled by the Soviet K.G.B. and to express the official Soviet views.

The article, by the newspaper's editor, Janusz Stepanowicz, and called "On the Nile," says that Nasser wanted to unite the Arabs into one people and to strengthen them by a careful foreign policy. He left no heirs or successors when he died with his aims unattained.

"Arab socialism has degenerated into shallow nationalism which does not affect the structure of Arab society and does not improve it. Leaders who are trying to model themselves on Nasser are perverting

his ideals and presenting them as anti-Communism," the paper continues.

"Nasser tried to draw conclusions from the 1967 defeat. He tried to bring about a radicalization of Egyptian society, and he strove with great determination to strengthen the friendship of Egypt for the Soviet Union.

"His successor has witnessed a moral crisis in Egypt. He was proclaiming from time to time final dates for a military solution, while lacking the objective means of implementing his threats. These exercises have caused high tension among students and in the army. It is on this background that the decision to expel the Soviet experts should be viewed," the paper says.

It goes on to say that Egypt was likely to get involved in another defeat which would have brought about an even more stubborn refusal on the part of Israel to budge.

The paper also says that any military action by Egypt against Israel will be doomed to failure. Russia was trying to restrain Sadat. Sadat's reaction was to expel the Russians.



Malta's Prime Minister Dom Mintoff (left) with Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios as they met at the Presidential Palace in Nicosia yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Church leaders 'dig the truth' at rock service

UTRECHT, Holland (Reuter). — The "Children of Jesus" led a rock and dance service at the otherwise solemn proceedings of the Central Committee of Churches here yesterday.

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Booby trap kills two soldiers in Belfast

BELFAST (Reuter). — A guerrilla booby trap killed two British soldiers yesterday as they patrolled across waste ground in the former Irish Republican Army stronghold of Andersonstown in Belfast.

The soldier leading the patrol was killed instantly. A major behind him died soon after reaching hospital.

It happened near Casement Park, a football field occupied by British troops since they took over Andersonstown and other Catholic strongholds from the I.R.A. on July 31.

Meanwhile police in Belfast intensified their investigations into the continuing wave of brutal sectarian killings that take place almost nightly in Belfast.

The bodies of two men, both Catholics, were found during the weekend. The first was dumped in the back seat of a car found in a Protestant area. He had been shot twice in the head.

The next body, found on Sunday night slumped in a doorway in a pool of blood, was that of a Catholic about 40 years old. A police spokesman described the killing as "a particularly dirty job." He had been stabbed scores of times and then shot through the head.

Shortly before the land mine attack, the British Army reported a "dramatic revolution" in terrorist violence recently. An army spokesman said "explosions were down to half and shooting incidents less than a quarter" in the two weeks since it took over the I.R.A. strongholds.

Top security in Sydney for Israel troupe

SYDNEY (Reuter). — Stringent security will be enforced at Sydney's international airport next week when a group of Israeli Army entertainers arrives here, the tour organizer, Mr. Harold Abrahamson, said yesterday.

He said the group of 26 singers, dancers and musicians, all of whom are members of Zahal, would be protected by measures previously unknown for visiting entertainers during their seven-day stay. Police and civil aviation officials would be asked to work in conjunction with private security officers at the airport.

The group's plane bookings are being kept a close secret to avoid hijack or bomb threats, he said. The group will perform in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne from August 21 to 27, before leaving for the U.S.

The dancers left Israel yesterday for Singapore, where they will start their world tour called "From Israel with love."

Education 'deteriorating sharply' in Egypt—Sidky

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter — The educational level in Egypt is "deteriorating sharply," Egyptian Premier Aziz Sidky said yesterday.

Egypt is suffering from a shortage of school buildings and qualified teachers and an unsuitable curriculum, he said in his monthly address to the nation last night.

In a recent study, the Egyptian government had discovered that only 36 per cent of Egyptian pupils were benefiting from schooling, while "the rest remain illiterate even after their admission."

The Premier complained that the government had realized that it was wasting its budget of 200 million Egyptian pounds on the country's schools, in which 98,000 teachers instruct over five million pupils.

The educational question was one of the country's major problems at present, he said. The

Egyptian government was currently re-planning the whole system.

Prime Minister Sidky did not mention the controversial new bill providing for stiff penalties for anti-state activities in his address.

An atmosphere of confusion seemed to be prevailing in the Egyptian parliament yesterday over the bill. Cairo radio networks made no mention of the three-day emergency session of the parliament which had been summoned for today to ratify the new bill.

The session had been planned to be opened by President Anwar Sadat today. Cairo reports implied yesterday that Sadat might address the Egyptian parliament on Thursday instead.

The Egyptian parliament is believed to be divided over the new bill, and also over the issue of Sadat's proposed merger with Libya.

British dockers picket ports defying strike

LONDON (Reuter). — Striking British dockers yesterday mobilized columns of travelling pickets to seal off ports defying the 18-day-old stoppage that has reduced Britain's trade to a trickle.

At passionate meetings outside the gates of idled wharves in London, it was decided to send out busloads of pickets today to saturate the so-called non-registered ports. These are the docks which do not subscribe to national agreements governing the employment of Britain's 40,000-strong main port labour force.

Resentment at these independent contracts is one of the reasons for the strike. The chief reason is the demand that registered dockers, paid at the agreed rate, should be employed in the container-packing depots which now are doing much of the work that used to be carried out on the waterfront.

After lengthy negotiations with employers, leaders of the Transport and General Workers' Union met yesterday to decide if enough progress had been made to recommend a return to work. To do this they would have to summon a meeting of dock delegates who alone have the power to call off the strike.

With some employers still reporting adamant in refusing to hire dockers for jobs now being performed by lower-paid men, prospects of a return to work were not considered good.

However, dockers in the north-eastern Scottish port of Aberdeen yesterday resumed emergency shipments of food and animal feedstuffs to the Orkney and Shetland Islands, where stocks were running critically low. The longshoremen also moved equipment for rigs drilling for oil in the North Sea. (Reuter, AP)

SABENA TRIAL

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third count, planting bombs with intent to kill. Since unanimous decision is required under Regulation 31 of the Defence Regulations, the girls were acquitted of the charge.

The verdict read: "It has been proven during the trial that the two defendants were part of a group of persons... who during the hijacking had two belts filled with explosives, two grenades, two pistols, three detonators, ammunition, batteries and electric wires to ignite the detonators. During the trial an expert testified that the two belts were in working condition in the two belts there was two and three magazines of explosives, enough to blow up the plane. As an experiment the belts were blown up by an electric detonator."

Sgan-Aluf Alpern added: "The two defendants had several opportunities in Europe to run away from their captors but never tried." After the verdict was read, Father Anthony Foley took the witness stand as a character witness for Therese Halasch. Father Foley is the principal of the Terra Sancta school which she attended.

"I have known Therese since she began studying at Terra Sancta in 1959, and her behaviour was excellent," the priest testified. "I also know the family, a decent family respected by the school."

"She was a good pupil, but she could have done a lot better. She did not fulfil all our expectations in her studies." Under cross-examination, Father Foley said that pupils are not allowed to discuss politics in school. "What they do outside of school is not our business," he concluded.

In his final plea, Rima Tannous lawyer, Eliezer Carni, requested leniency. "The part my client fulfilled in the hijacking was small and insignificant. She was only a tool, and at the end she was determined not to blow up the plane if ordered to."

He added, "I believe that the hardships and suffering she has endured in her life should be a mitigating factor. I wouldn't want a daughter of mine or anyone I know to have a similar life. For this reason I believe that she deserves much less than life imprisonment."

Therese Halasch's defence counsel, Jacob Henigman, also asked leniency. He claimed that life imprisonment is a very severe penalty for his client considering her age (19). "Therese's story," he said, "is that of a girl confronted with a temptation, but please remember that Therese in the plane behaved in a polite and human manner with all the passengers. If you decide on imprisonment, do not make it a long one. I do not believe that this court will be so cruel as to impose life imprisonment on my client, which to such a young girl is like a death sentence."

After hearing the final pleas, Sgan-Aluf Alpern asked the two girls if they would like to add anything on their own behalf. Rima Tannous stood up first and said in a low voice, "I am sorry and regret what I have done. I told you my life story. It seems that you didn't believe part of it but it is the truth. I ask you to show mercy and leniency towards me." She broke into tears at the end of her statement.

Therese Halasch got to her feet in a confident manner, straightening her shirt, before reading out a written statement. "Honourable judges, I hope you will show mercy. I am now suffering in prison. I am sorry for all I have done, and for the suffering that I caused, and ask to be forgiven."

Yis'hak Halasch, her father, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he had written the statement for his daughter. He said he had written another statement which she declined to read, cursing the terrorist groups, and expressing grief that she betrayed her country.

'Pravda' hits Prague trial critics

MOSCOW (AP). — "Pravda" accused the Western press yesterday of waging "psychological warfare" against the Communist bloc by reporting and commenting on a series of political trials going on in Czechoslovakia.

"For several weeks now imperialist propaganda has been conducting a new anti-Communist campaign against Czechoslovakia," the Communist party daily said in an article covering almost a quarter of a page. "It is using as a pretext the fact that several violators of the Czechoslovak criminal code were sentenced to imprisonment."

So far, 42 persons have been sentenced in nine subversion trials, which began in Czechoslovakia July 17. There have been no acquittals. The defendants have been accused of trying to undermine the Czechoslovak state.

The article, called "Boundless Hypocrisy" and signed by Ivan Dmitriev, said: "As was shown by the investigation and proved in court, (the defendants) slandered the Czechoslovak state, its leaders and the allies of Czechoslovakia."

"They conducted subversive activity in the country. They maintained contacts with enemies of the Czechoslovak Government. They

have expanded activity to create underground groups within the country which are hostile to Socialist society."

"Pravda" said that "it is up to every sovereign state to decide in accordance with its law on how to ensure law and order in the country." It added that "according to generally accepted standards, Czechoslovak judicial bodies administering justice should be free from any interference from the outside."

This principle, however, failed to keep "Pravda" and other organs of the controlled Soviet media from commenting extensively and critically on the recent trial of American Communist Angela Davis.

The "Pravda" article accused "The Times" of London and "other bourgeois propaganda organs" of deciding "to protest against the actions of the Czechoslovak court and come out in defence of the criminals." In so doing, the article said, "The Times" editors and their benefactors availed themselves of an opportunity to hamper efforts to further ease tensions in Europe."

"Pravda" failed to note that the Italian and French Communist parties, and their newspapers, have also been critical of the Czechoslovak trials. The Italian party said in a statement August 9 that the trials are "judicial persecution" and raise "questions which cannot but affect every Communist party."

The "Daily Telegraph" reports from Vienna that the Czechoslovak purges have now reportedly reached the small Jewish community in Prague.

Dr. Vilem Bendat, director of the State Jewish Museum in the capital for well over ten years, has been dismissed from his post, the paper said. His departure was said to be due to his refusal to redecorate exhibits so they would have a political flavour.

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Defiant batting by England in Test

LONDON (Reuter). — Defiant batting by England newcomer Barry Wood failed to wreat the advantage from Australia on the fourth day of the fifth and final cricket test at the Oval here yesterday.

England were 227 for five wickets in their second innings at the close — a lead of 112 — and with two days of the match remaining still faced a uphill struggle to prevent Australia squaring the series 2-2.

The 29-year-old Wood, who started his first-class cricket career as a number 11 batsman for Yorkshire, was the mainstay of England's batting yesterday, making 90 in 273 minutes before being fourth out with the total 194.

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wish demonstrators, tied and blindfolded, with Stars of David on their chests, are confronted by a demonstrator dressed as a Russian soldier, outside the Soviet Embassy in London on Sunday. The protest, organized by the "Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewish Prisoners," claimed to depict the execution of leading Jewish poets and writers in Moscow's Lubianka prison on August 12, 1952. (AP radiophoto)

McGovern letter 'BUT NOT ANOTHER CHICAGO' on Soviet Jews

NEW YORK (INA). — The text of a letter sent by Senator George McGovern to Richard Meese, Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jews, was published yesterday. Sen. McGovern refers to a pamphlet commemorating the 20th anniversary of the August 12, 1952, execution of 24 Soviet Jewish writers in Moscow. In the letter, Sen. McGovern says: "I have just read the pamphlet published by the National Conference on Soviet Jews entitled 'August 12, 1952: The Night of the Murdered Jews.' It is a deeply moving document. The most compelling memorial to those Jewish artists who were murdered by the Soviet regime on August 12, 1952, is the fact that hundreds of thousands of Americans, Jews and non-Jews, are making in support of oppressed Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate so that they may live freely in peace."

Anti-war groups plan massive Miami sit-in

WASHINGTON. — Anti-war demonstrators, in little evidence at last month's Democratic convention, plan "the most massive sit-in in American history" at the Republican convention next week. "We are going to go to the Republican convention, and on August 23, the day that Richard Nixon officially launches his campaign for re-election, we intend to launch the most massive sit-in in American history," said Rennie Davis, an organizer of the violence-marred 1968 protest at the Democratic convention in Chicago. Sen. Davis and other organizers of the Republican action stress that Miami Beach "will not be another Chicago."

Most of the organizing for the convention is being done by the Miami Convention Coalition (M.C.C.), an umbrella group of 85 national and regional anti-war and peace groups. The organizers include many veterans of the Chicago demonstrations, including Davis and David Dellinger, both later indicted and tried for their part in organizing the Chicago protests. Republican officials have said advance indications suggest there will be between 7,500 to 10,000 protesters at the convention.

Organizers of the demonstrations say they are committed to three principles to keep the peace: There will be no disruption of the community of Miami Beach. There will be no damage to property in Miami Beach. There will be no physical confrontation with police, National Guard or army personnel called out to keep the peace. On the day the convention opens, the protesters plan to hold a "non-citizen investigation" into Nixon Administration policies that will bear testimony on the crimes of the Nixon administration from Vietnam veterans, ex-prisoners, labor representatives, unemployed Blacks, women, welfare recipients, third world people, gays (homosexuals) and senior citizens. On Aug. 22, the evening in which Pres. Nixon is to be nominated, the protesters plan one of their more ambitious undertakings: "As the delegates drive from their luxury hotels down Highway 1 to the convention, they will travel a 'Street without Joy.' To dramatize the crime of participation in the nomination day of Richard Nixon, thousands of people will line both sides of the boulevard, forcing the delegates to pass through a 'gauntlet of shame.' That, however, is only the official M.C.C. scenario. Other groups, such as the Y.L.P.-Zippies, have even more flamboyant plans and Dellinger has promised "militant non-violent confrontations."

New Salt talks set for Geneva

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. and the Soviet Union have agreed to hold their next round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (Salt) in Geneva, administration sources said today. Previously the strategic arms curb negotiations had been held alternately in Helsinki and Vienna since their opening in the fall of 1969. Sources said a date for the next round has been set. They speculated the talks may get going in October.

Only two killed in Dacca ferry

ACCRA (Reuters). — Official sources timed here yesterday that only two passengers died in a collision between a ferry and a barge on the Buriganga River near here last night. They were commenting on reports that about 200 people were killed when the ferry capsized. A salvage team found the sunken ferry Sunday night. Police took the captain and crew to custody, alleging that the ferry was cruising at night without lights. Survivors said there were about 200 people aboard the ferry but government sources there were only 10 on the basis of tickets sold. The dies of the two casualties, a woman and a boy, were recovered on the river. A survivor said that when the ferry turned turtle, panic-stricken passengers raised the alarm. Police, wading in another ferry, thought the boat had capsized and opened fire in the air. This intensified the panic and scared people on the shore from coming to help.

Pakistan mark its independence

RAWALPINDI (Reuters). — Pakistan yesterday celebrated the 25th anniversary of its independence, but in a somber mood and with its original eastern wing now the separate state of Bangladesh. Gun salutes were fired in all the main cities and the green-and-white flag of Pakistan flew from every flagstaff. And for the first time in the past 14 years the National Assembly met yesterday to conduct day-to-day parliamentary business. The National Assembly has not previously met as a federal legislature since 1953, when Field Marshal Ayub Khan took over the running of the country. Debate on the controversial issue of the recognition of Bangladesh has been ruled out by President Bhutto for this session because of what he called the reluctance of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh Prime Minister, to agree to talks beforehand. Newspapers throughout the country published special supplements yesterday, and in one the Minister of State for National Affairs, Mr. Mahmud Ali—a Bengali—asserted that Bangladesh would one day forge fresh links with Pakistan. "There seems little doubt that nothing can keep the divided parts of Pakistan completely apart for all time to come," he said.

Blast rips 3rd Saigon ammo dump

SAIGON. — Communist troops blew a big ammunition dump sky high yesterday in another strike in their stepped-up guerrilla campaign against South Vietnamese troops. It was the third ammunition storage depot blown up in 24 hours. Government troops did not know exactly what hit them when two bunkers full of 105-millimetre artillery shells exploded just outside Pleiku City in the Central Highlands. A command spokesman said it was unknown whether shellfire or Communist sappers had blown up the dump — but military sources said it was probably sappers, who had already triggered damaging explosions elsewhere. On Sunday, two bigger dumps near Saigon were blown up by Communist commandos in raids which cost the government more stockpiled ammunition than ever before in the four-and-a-half-month-old North Vietnamese offensive. An estimated 6,000 tons of munitions went up in smoke at Long Binh base, 30 kms. north of the capital Sunday morning, and later another 100 tons were destroyed at Thanh Tuy Hawn 10 kms. east of Saigon.

QUANG TRI

On the northern front there was no significant change in the positions of Marine and Airborne troops fighting around Quang Tri city, where their six-week counterthrust has virtually stalled in the face of deeply-dug North Vietnamese positions. The American command reported at least 30 passengers killed aboard a U.S. transport plane which crashed through mechanical failure in the southern Delta region last Saturday. Six of the dead were Americans. American troop strength fell in Vietnam by 2,200 in the week up to last Thursday to 42,400. The stand-downs included a 1,000-strong marine battalion — the last American combat unit left in the country. Meanwhile, South Vietnamese forces trying to seal off the Cambodian border from North Vietnamese assaults clashed with Communist forces in heavy fighting on Sunday that claimed nearly 100 casualties on both sides, the Saigon command announced yesterday.

Fighting also raged across the far northern front below the demilitarized zone, and a series of clashes there left more than 100 North and South Vietnamese soldiers dead and wounded, the Saigon command said. CAMBODIA FRONT South Vietnamese forces killed 52 North Vietnamese troops just on the other side of the border near the Cambodian town of Kompong Ran, about 50 miles west of Saigon, spokesmen said, during a massive screening operation along the border. South Vietnamese forces suffered 14 men killed and 28 wounded, it was announced. The South Vietnamese, backed by daily U.S. B-52 strikes, are trying to seal off the border against what officials anticipate may be an attempt at a slashing drive through the northern Mekong Delta aimed at cutting off Highway 4 and isolating Saigon. Two U.S. Navy pilots knocked out "valuable" North Vietnamese missile defence site 17 miles south of Vinh Sunday, the 7th Fleet announced yesterday. The site included several mobile units, generators, guidance antennas and the missiles themselves. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Mother knows best

STEVENSON, Washington (AP). — A woman telephoned the Skamania County Sheriff's Office on Sunday to report her son's motorcycle had been stolen. She gave the make, year, color and license number and made one request: "If you find it, keep it."

Sudan joins OAU Olympics boycott

KHARTOUM (Reuters). — Sudan said yesterday it will not take part in the Munich Olympics if the Rhodesian team competes. The Sudanese youth and sports minister said the Sudanese representatives would go to Munich as planned, but would be constantly in touch with the Sudanese embassy in Bonn for instructions, and if the Olympics Committee meeting on Saturday decides in favour of Rhodesia taking part, he said, "our mission will immediately return."

Tanzania and Sierra Leone have already boycotted the games due to begin on August 26, because a mixed-race Rhodesian team was allowed in under the old Southern Rhodesia flag and the British national anthem. The Organization of African Unity (OAU) has also called on African teams and supporters of Africa to withdraw from the games if Rhodesia takes part. The OAU, based in Addis Ababa, groups 41 African countries. In Lagos, the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa (S.C.S.A.) yesterday appealed to all African national Olympic committees to go to Munich. A statement issued by Mr. Abraham Ordi, Nigerian President of the Council, said African national Olympic committees and all members S.C.S.A. should attend the games, "Otherwise we shall break faith with the international Olympic committee and Africa will never be taken seriously in future."

He warned that should there be any violation in any shape or form of the terms of Rhodesian participation before and during the games, the entire African contingent would withdraw. Mr. Ordi's appeal followed a report submitted to him by a two-man delegation of the Council which visited West Germany last week for discussions on the terms of Rhodesia's participation. "The Supreme Council feels bound by the terms and conditions of the agreement reached and these agreements were the proposals of Africans," Mr. Ordi said. He said the agreed conditions for Rhodesia's participation were based on a resolution submitted by the entire national Olympic committees of Africa through the S.C.S.A. prior to the International Olympic Committee's session in Munich and Luxembourg last September. Meanwhile, the Rhodesian team has already arrived in Munich and settled in one of the concrete skyscrapers at the Olympic Village. They arrived with papers indicating they were British subjects after the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa accepted the compromise. At a short ceremony, the flag of Southern Rhodesia was raised in the village and athletes pledged loyalty to the British crown during the games. Then the British national Olympic committee and Africa will never be taken seriously in future. In London, it was learned yesterday that an anonymous telephone call from a girl set off a police drug probe at the training quarters of Britain's Olympic swimming team in Coventry. The girl is stated to have telephoned the family of a girl swimmer in the team on Friday night alleging that the swimmer had been given cannabis. The girl's relatives then telephoned the police, who investigated the allegation. On Sunday, the British amateur swimming association announced that three swimmers in the team — Ray Terrill, Rowland Jones and Tyrone Tozer — had been dropped from the squad and would not be going to the Olympic Games. A Coventry police spokesman said that the three swimmers had been questioned in connection with drugs or some substance believed to be a drug. Later yesterday the A.S.S. rejected appeals by the three swimmers — and handed out reprimands to five other members of the Olympic team.

Warning on Lithuanian Catholics

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A Soviet Lithuanian newspaper has warned Communist officials against causing "irreparable damage" by insulting Catholic believers' feelings. The article, in Saturday's edition of the official newspaper "Soviet Skaya Litva," follows a protest last March by Lithuanian Catholics against alleged religious repression, followed by self-immolations and rioting in the Baltic republic. The article contained a cautious warning to Communist Party workers not to antagonize believers in Lithuania, a state annexed by Stalin in 1940, where the Catholic faith is at its strongest in the Soviet Union. It said: "... irreparable damage could be inflicted by administrative attacks and by any insults to believers' sentiments. Wrong methods of combating religion not only do not undermine the basis for its spreading; on the contrary, they lead to intensification of religious fanaticism and hidden forms of rites, and cause discontent and distrust among believers and embitter them."

Western observers here interpreted the article as a tacit admission that traditional religious feeling in both zones of Vietnam was still stronger than the effects of Communist and atheist indoctrination among sections of the Lithuanian populace. Asked about reports of a new Nixon peace plan, a North Vietnamese spokesman in Paris said: "What plan? Everyone knows that the Nixon plan is to intensify the war in both zones of Vietnam, pursue the policy of Vietnamization, and maintain the puppet Nguyen Van Thieu in Saigon."

New Vietnam plan studied, 'Time' says

NEW YORK (AP). — "Time" magazine said on Sunday that the Nixon Administration is working on a broader set of Vietnam peace proposals under which the U.S. "would be willing to leave things so that Hanoi has a fair chance of getting rid of" President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam by itself. (Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, held his 18th secret meeting with North Vietnamese officials in Paris yesterday, but Hanoi spokesmen refused to make any comment on the White House announcement of the conversation.) The news magazine said that what had recently transpired between Mr. Kissinger and North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho in Paris is still secret, but one Nixon official has conveyed that Hanoi has begun to conduct "a sort of flirtation."

This means, "Time" added, "that the North Vietnamese have indicated just enough interest in a cease-fire and compromise settlement to put administration policymakers to the task of finding a broader set of proposals that would give Hanoi an option on the future through a process of political evolution. "Hanoi wants Washington to get rid of Thieu as a condition for a settlement. Washington in turn is seeking a formula that would permit the U.S. to withdraw militarily while leaving the political settlement to Saigon and Hanoi. In other words, the U.S. would be willing to leave things so that Hanoi has a fair chance of getting rid of Thieu by itself — without, however, the U.S. doing the North's dirty work." Elaborating on reported peace manoeuvres in this U.S. presidential election year, "Time" continued: "One of the latest approaches is a U.S. proposal for a 'two-tier' government for South Vietnam. One Saigon government would control

'Soviets still reject Arab arms requests'

NEW YORK (AP). — Russia is continuing to reject Arab requests for armaments, "Newsweek" said this week. Egypt's President Sadat wasn't the only Arab to draw a "No" to a request for Soviet arms. During his recent 10-day visit to Moscow, Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestinian guerrillas, was turned down for the third time on his bid for Russian armoured cars and anti-aircraft guns, "the magazine said.

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BASEBALL STEVE Carlton of the Philadelphia Phillies Sunday became the first left-handed pitcher in 41 years to win 14 straight games in the Major Leagues.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT'S A COINCIDENCE? — Four-year-old Tracy Jane Claws, who lives at the Warwickshire Zoo in England, had just finished a romp with her chimpanzee friends Biggy and Kooie when this picture was taken.

A credible triangle

Sunday, Bloody Sunday (Studio, Tel Aviv) focuses on three main figures: Alex, a not so young divorcee, a business consultant (Glenda Jackson), Daniel Hirsch (Peter Finch), a middle-aged Jewish doctor and Bob, a young designer (Murray Head) who has Alex for mistress and Hirsch for a lover.

At the Cinema

all the acting is first class, especially that of Glenda Jackson and Peter Finch. They portray complex characters and wonderfully convey shades of meaning. She, unsure of where she belongs and so sometimes hesitant and sometimes over-assured and he an essentially kindly man, a conscientious doctor, attached to his family but cut off from them because of his nature.

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Secrets of Living Things

Especially well observed and portrayed are the fringe characters: the "progressive couple" with the mother's milk in the fridge and the marijuana just where the children can get at it, Alex's business colleague (Tony Britton) too old at 53 to get a new job, Hirsch's hysterical patient (June Brown) deluging him with her marital troubles. In all, a film that has life to it and is well worth a visit. S.W.

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SENTENCED FOR LIFE

WHEN Rima Tannous, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for her part in the Sabena plane hijacking yesterday broke down in court under cross-examination she wept and said, "I hated the Fatah men. I wanted to eat, I wanted clothes." She is no heroine, no Joan of Arc. When she might have thrown the grenades she held she panicked and wailed and threw herself on the floor of the plane in a sudden, instinctive desire to survive.

Some part of her highly-colored tale, as revealed in court, may be true. She was an orphan, with poor prospects in life, and the Fatah could offer travel, glamour, and the company of young men in addition to food and the clothes she craved; after all, they had the \$5m. to spend that they received as ransom for a German Luftwansa plane a few months earlier.

Rima may even not have given much thought to the fact that she was getting her relatively luxurious conditions as advance payment for a future hijacking that would involve threats to kill and might end with the destruction of the plane and all its passengers, including herself and her three companions. One wonders what she learnt at her Bethlehem convent. If the two male hijackers, who were both killed when the plane was recaptured, were wise, they said little about the possible end of the hijacking, lest the two girls realized the full danger of what they were doing, and refused to carry the men's weapons and explosives. No doubt they felt that the girls would conceal these more easily, and would be searched less carefully — and indeed there was apparently little checking on the trip.

It is quite possible that Rima in fact had not much political

aim, that she saw trips with the Fatah as little more than a "Bonnie and Clyde" style life of glamorous crime that would lead to riches, or at least away from drab need. And like her American predecessors, she was not in the least concerned if the result was death and disaster for others, as in fact it proved to be. A life sentence for a girl of her age, somewhere around 20, is an almost unimaginable hardship, and in her case it with not be mitigated by any conviction that she tried to serve a higher purpose, for apparently she was bent on no such thing. Two of the men who so exploited and abused her are dead. Those who remained safely in their headquarters in the Lebanon will perhaps think twice before they make use of such recruits again or promise them that, as girls, they will get off lightly if things went wrong.

These Elmassih's story is a little different, worse and better. She went knowingly into the Fatah, and on the plane taunted the passengers with the corset-bomb she held that could blow them all up. She also sort of outed herself as a Jew and Gentiles with the calm efficiency of a Nazi camp guard. She expected her life sentence relieved, perhaps, that the penalty was not more severe still.

The whole tale is tragic and shocking starting with the persuasion of training two ignorant girls for murder and sabotage, and ending with the death of a girl passenger. The only ray of light derives from the fact that the Government found the courage to refuse the hijackers' demands and security forces mustered the skill to rescue all but one of the passengers and thereby make hijacking to Israel seem a less attractive project.

LOCAL PRESS

An opportunity for motion

Ha'aretz (non-party) says that the signs are increasing that the Soviet Union is giving up its strategic hold on Egypt. This trend is expressed in the departure of the Russians from their installations at Egyptian ports — with their aircraft which surveyed the U.S. Sixth Fleet. The paper concludes that the Russians decided to get out of the arena where there is a possible clash between Egypt and Israel, and there is in Defence Minister Dayan's words, a de-Sovietization of the war. On this background an attempt should be made to try and convince Cairo to negotiate on a special Suez settlement. The paper thinks that the de-Sovietization of the war justifies more credibility in Sadat.

Davar (Histadrut) refers to the recent call of Secretary of State William Rogers for active negotiations between Israel and Egypt. The paper says that Mr. Rogers used the watered-down version of his previous call to direct negotiations for the purposes of softening Cairo to take part in proximity talks. Israel has

no reason to get excited about Mr. Rogers' stand, because there had been an enormous change in the region following the Soviet departure. What had not changed was Israel's stand, which had been given extra validity — namely that direct negotiations are the only way to peace, which apparently is Rogers' view as well.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) comments on the report of U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, as far as it deals with the Middle East. What emerges from his statements is that only the parties to the deadlock can break the deadlock between them. The changes in Egypt with the departure of the Russians are a convenient background for direct talks, with the first goal a special Suez settlement. The paper adds that Israel must show initiative and flexibility and maybe there will be a surprise Egyptian agreement for a new Israeli initiative.

Al-Quds (Independent Arab daily) says that "the Palestine-Middle East" problem was being shelved "there" by the U.N. and here new facts were being established with the local Arabs maintain their ties with the rest of the Arab nation. The paper expresses astonishment at the fact that the Middle East conflict gained no more than one paragraph in the annual report of Secretary-General Waldheim. In contrast to his predecessor U Thant, who last devoted a chapter to the same issue. "Next year, the paragraph may be shortened to a sentence, the following year it may turn to be a word and then to nothing," Al-Quds said. The paper said that the world can forget the problem, but the Palestinians cannot.

Al-Anba (official Arabic-language) says there are indications the Soviet Union is now concentrating heavily on Iraq, following expulsion of its personnel from Egypt. It is very likely that the Arab peoples will have to pay for the new Moscow-Baghdad cooperation with several more years of political confusion and instability in the region, the paper concludes.

Russians wary of Far East upheaval, Japanese drift towards Peking ties

With ties with the U.S. disintegrating, Japan's most likely partner in an Asian community of interests would seem to be Peking. This has given rise to concern in Moscow, writes DEV MURARKA.

MOSCOW (Ona). — RUSSIAN foreign affairs experts believe that the close ties between Japan and the U.S., established after World War II, are being dissolved and they fear that Japan's most natural alignment in the future will be with China.

Analysing the most recent developments, including the Sino-American meeting in Tokyo and their own summit meeting with the Americans, Soviet specialists foresee the dissolution or abrogation of the U.S.-Japanese security treaty. The Soviet experts accept that the treaty will continue to be in force so long as it suits ruling circles in Japan, and there can be no question that the benefits of the treaty have been enormous. Above all, it provides a convenient cover for the build-up and modernization of the Japanese armed forces.

But the argument here is that with the Peking-Washington entente as a fact of international life, the whole character of Japanese-American relations has changed, and a new situation has been created in the four-cornered relationship between Moscow, Peking, Washington and Tokyo. Japan is freed from any obligation to conduct its foreign policy in concert with Washington. There are many signs that the government in Tokyo has begun to assert its independence. Thus Japan, while acting as a spokesman for Washington in the U.N. Security Council debates on Chinese admission last year, and realizing the harm it had done to its prestige in Asia, made a quick turn-about and promptly recognized Bangladesh without waiting for Washington to do so. It has also recently established diplomatic relations with Mongolia and contacted the North Korean and the North Vietnamese Governments.

Last week, Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party approved plans for a visit to Peking by the New Prime Minister, Kakuei Tanaka, although no date has yet been set. Peking indicated its willingness to deal with the new Premier soon after he took office last month. Japan can no longer rely upon the U.S. to protect its interests, and henceforth it is going to assert its own power in areas close to its interests. Tokyo is more worried than it cares to admit by American activities in China and has abandoned its passive attitude to relations with Peking.

Soviet experts feel that the end product of this political upheaval may well be that Japan turns out to be the country which will derive the greatest benefit from it. There

has always been a good deal of talk about the vast Chinese market and the prospects for American and Western trade, but in reality the scope of the Chinese market is limited. The kind of goods which the Chinese can supply, things like raw silk, fruits etc., have a ready market in Japan, while in the West a market would have to be created for them. Therefore, it would be easier for Japan than for Western countries to increase its imports of Chinese goods and in return supply machinery and chemicals to China. The Japanese calculation must be that Sino-American relations for a long time to come will remain on a political level rather than an economic one.

These reflections are not a matter of speculation. A Japanese Foreign Ministry report asserted after President Nixon's visit to Peking that "Japan will be China's principal trade partner in the near future" and went on to say that no major changes could be expected in China's economy or her foreign trade immediately after the U.S. President's visit.

The Russians explain that one reason the Japanese were so annoyed by the Nixon visit was that their pride was hurt. They had assumed that the U.S. would continue to be guided by their expertise on China. But the Americans destroyed this assumption overnight and, far from being given a priority Japanese diplomacy suffered an eclipse. It is argued here that the security treaty has ceased to be useful because Washington is no longer following a Japan-oriented foreign policy in the Far East and at the same time, the treaty makes the Chinese suspicious of Japan. Therefore, perhaps under the cloak of reexamination, the treaty will either be abrogated or watered down.

All this does not mean that Moscow is entirely pleased with these developments. The fear is expressed here that Japan will use its strong economic position to tie up the Far East and the South-East Asian region in some sort of co-prosperity sphere. Combined with growing Japanese military power and the possibility that Japan may acquire nuclear weapons in future, this poses a challenge for the Soviet Union as well.

The Soviet strategy, therefore, continues to be a dual approach to Japan, involving large-scale economic ties which will moderate Japanese antagonism towards the Soviet Union and a campaign against Japanese efforts to achieve mastery, either in the economic or political fields in the Far East.



Israel's Esther Shabamurov finishing second in the 100m. hurdles in the pre-Olympic trials held in Oslo earlier this month. First is Australia's Kilbourne. (Israel Sun)

Asking too much of our athletes

NATIONS vary vastly in their attitudes towards the teams of sportsmen who represent them in Olympic competition. They are either neglected before the Games, so that any victory comes as a surprise, or so much pre-departure praise and extravagance are lavished on the team that any subsequent victory is anticlimactic — no performance they could give is good enough.

To some athletes, being accepted by their country for Olympic competition is a goal and fulfilment in and of itself, whereas to other competitors, success in the actual Games can be a matter of survival at home, affecting their living standards and the very safety of their families. Some use the Games as a political platform, with victory as a sign of defiance; others compete as a matter of national pride. The Olympic Games are no longer a simple bringing together of sportsmen. On the athletes' heads rest problems and responsibilities unique to their vocation.

Pietro Mennea, considered Italy's greatest sprinter, is a typical son of that country's poor south. "I have achieved through track and field what I wanted most — a job for my father." His father had worked as a tailor in their hometown of Barietta, a small port on the southern Adriatic coast, but with

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little success. Thanks to his son's sports achievements, he was given a job in the local hospital. The iron curtain countries put their Olympic possibilities into training camps up to six months before the Games. They have no economic or social worries and are kept like sacred animals. Their achievements are a means of national prestige and are expected.

East and West Germany look to their sportsmen for national recognition and proof of advancement.

Coloured athletes of the British teams are out for social recognition in the country to which they have immigrated. The attitude is similar to but not so violent as that of the black athletes of the U.S. who see the Games as a platform for their race struggle.

To the African athletes the games are once again a chance to show the world that there is no longer a Dark Continent.

Their great athletes have conquered the world and shown that they are no longer an unknown quantity, but a force to be reckoned with.

Perhaps the purest of all the sports competitors are our own. They struggle with conditions which are the poorest offered anyone anywhere. There is little competition in the country, where sport is not yet a traditional means of displaying national pride. There is competition only for the very best and at the last moment, to try to achieve the minimum Olympic standard required for participation — while years of competitive experience is the true secret to athletic success.

No wonder that, should any of our sportsmen get beyond the first heats, they will be heralded as national heroes.

Why should we make so much of the most meagre achievement instead of providing the conditions to get Israel onto the sporting map. We look to our young hurdler, Esther Shabamurov to bring home some honours — but do we deserve her?

Readers' letters

'Jewish-American liberals'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Mr. Larry Phillips (July 26) not only assumes the right to speak for the entire American Jewish population, he presumes to tell Israel she does not have the right to express appreciation for the help extended to her by the United States, whenever, wherever, or to whoever she pleases.

Many Americans of all persuasions are crossing party lines for domestic reasons which have nothing to do with Israel. They believe the Democratic party in its idealistic zeal has become mired in a slough of extreme and destructive liberalism, which is destroying the democratic fabric of our society. This is the real danger to American Jewry today.

To insinuate that American Jews cannot think for themselves, are not aware of their nation's problems, or do not care, and can be influenced and "torn asunder" by reports of Israel's gratitude is as insulting a display of arrogance as it is demonstrative of ignorance of history and the condition of Jewry in America now. SELMA RAPIRA, Pittsburgh Pa., August 5.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — This letter was prompted by the fact that the three letters deploring Kishon's excellent and perceptive article on Jewish American Liberals originated in the United States while the two letters praising it originated in Israel (July 21). As a Jewish-American liberal, who has tried to act and to live and to vote according to a liberal conscience over the past 20 years, I found Kishon's "Mr. Nixon and the Liberals" just as clever,

as sagacious and penetrating as the majority of his other articles. JEROME ABRAMS, M.D., North Plainfield, N. J., July 31.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — With reference to Mr. Phillips' letter (July 26), may I point out that those of us who have abandoned the Democratic Party candidates have done so because of disenchantment with the policies and attitudes of McGovern and the Democrats rather than any statements made by members of the Israel Government. STANLEY H. WARMFLASH, Danbury, Conn., August 5.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Some of my best friends are Jewish American Liberals, and I thought Kishon's article, "Mr. Nixon and the Liberals" was very funny.

Many Liberals are not so liberal when their views are challenged by anyone over or under 30. It came as a shock to me, many years ago, to find that there are certain orthodoxes in liberalism, and if one questions or disagrees with too many one may be a candidate for excommunication.

By the way, what ever happened to our oft-proclaimed motto, "We Jews love to laugh at ourselves"? Can we include Jewish American Liberals here or not? DOROTHY GREENBERG, White Plains, N.Y., August 1.

TADIRAN'S BEGINNINGS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — With regard to Dr. Ater's article of August 2 about Tadiran, I think it would be right to mention that this company started under the name "Ran" in Givat Haim in Tel Aviv. Ran exported flashlight batteries to many countries, including Egypt, Lebanon and Turkey. During the Second World War, Ran supplied the Turkish army with batteries for munition factories. H. VORENBERG, Tel Aviv, August 4.

TV PROGRAMMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — May I protest against the shockingly poor programmes being presented night after night on Israel television. I have watched television in England and in Europe, but never have I known such a succession of dreary and monotonous documentaries and discussion programmes to be presented, and in Israel's case, to a helpless viewing public that has but one television station in the country. Television is meant for action programmes and for interesting and entertaining, or dramatic, action-filled films, plus colourful song and dance programmes — not the static programmes of groups of people talking interminably that we now have to suffer. CHAIM BOBIN, Ramat Gan, August 1.

CLEAR THINKING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Time and again, after reading Lea Ben Dor's parliamentary reports and other articles, I have wanted to give her a kiss and a hug for her delicious writing and acute brain. Her "Green Line — or open world" (August 4) deserves a special accolade. I think, in these days of muddled thinking and excessive emotionalism. YAAKOV YAOBY, Nachal Ayalon, August 5.

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